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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GERMAN METALWORKERS UNION PRESIDENT LODERER ON SITUATION IN  
MEDITERRANEAN

1. AT LUNCHEON WITH CG AND DPO ON JULY 21, GERMAN METALWORKERS UNION PRESIDENT EUGEN LODERER AND ALBERT SCHUNK, MANAGER OF UNION'S FOREIGN DEPARTMENT, EXPRESSED GREAT CONCERN TO US OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN ITALY. THE ITALIAN LABOR SECNE IS BECOMING PROGRESSIVELY MORE FRAGMENTED AND THERE IS NO ONE WITH WHOM TO TALK IN AN EFFORT TO INFLUENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN ITALY. LODERER SAID THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS ASKED HIM TO MAKE SUCH AN EFFORT, BUT THAT SCHMIDT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER OVERESTIMATE THE GERMAN LABOR LEADERS' ABILITY TO INFLUENCE EVENTS IN ITALY. HE BELIVES THAT THE ITALIAN POLITICAL SYSTEM WILL CONTINUE TO UNRAVEL AND UNREST CONTINUE TO MOUNT UNTIL THE ITALIANS RECOGNIZE THE DIFFICULT SITUATION THEY ARE IN; AND HE SEES NO SIGNS OF SUCH RECOGNITION COMING IN THE FORESSEABLE FUTURE.

2. ON THE OTHER HAND, GERMAN METALWORKERS UNION HAS USEFUL CONTACTS IN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL AND BELIVES IT CAN EXERCISE INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA. LODERER CONTINUES TO BE OPTIMISTIC  
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REGARDING DEVELOPMENTS IN SPAIN. HE IS IMPRESSED BY THE

SKILL THE KING HAS SHOWN IN INSTITUTING REFORMS AT A PACE  
SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY THE LEFT WHILE NOT UPSETTING THE  
RIGHT. LODERER ANTICIPATES THA THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT WILL  
CONTINUE TO INSTITUTE REFORMS ACCORDING TO THE TIMETABLE LAID  
OUT DURING HIS TRIP TO SPAIN THE FEBRUARY 1976. (SEE FRANKFURT'S  
A-44, MARCH 30, 1976.) IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER THIS YEAR,  
LODERER IS ENCOURAGED BY THE WAY PORTUGAL HAS WEATHERED THE  
POLITICAL CRISES OF THE PAST TWO YEARS AND SEEMS HEADED TOWARD  
GREATER STABILITY, NOW THAT NATIONAL ELECTIONS ARE OUT OF THE WAY.  
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